

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A locking device for an extension pipe for removably connecting the extension pipe to an operation handle, comprising:

a holder connected to the operation handle, and having a locking hole formed on one side, to correspond to a fixing hole formed on the operation handle; and

a locking/unlocking lever having a hook portion movable into and out of the locking hole, and a button portion formed opposite to the hook portion along the diameter, the locking/unlocking lever movable between a locked position and an unlocked position, a locked position in which the hook portion is inserted into the locking hole, and an unlocked position in which the hook portion is escaped out of the locking hole.

2. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the button portion is disposed such that a force for unlocking is applied in the same direction as the holder separating direction.

3. The locking device of claim 1, wherein the button portion and the hook portion are disposed opposite to the hinge pins along the length of the locking/unlocking

lever.

4. The locking device of clam 1, wherein an elastic portion is formed on opposite locations of the locking/unlocking lever so as to secure the locking/unlocking lever in the locked position by an elastic contact with the outer circumference of the holder.